

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE**

Function Category: ☐ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☒ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Management of Human Resources** Heading: **Orientating, Training, and Educating Staff**

Key Word(s): **Forensic Education**

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Purpose: The purpose of the Patton State Hospital Forensic Mental Health Conference is to provide a cost-efficient forum for all interested stake holders in the continuum of forensic mental health services to receive quality education specific to forensic mental health and the challenges to accessing and providing related services. Additionally, this conference provides an opportunity for these individuals to assemble, to meet and interact on a personal level sharing their individual and collective insights for improving the treatment process.

Brief Description: The PSH Forensic Mental Health Conference is presented as a two-day professional conference, which offers both non-competing and concurrent educational workshops. The planning committee, in response to an annual call-for-papers, receives proposals for presentations. An effort is made to present information of interest to consumers, families, court officials, patient advocates and mental health professionals. Professional continuing education credit is offered for physicians, psychologists, social workers, nurses and psychiatric technicians.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☐ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☐ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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